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Request Pursuant To Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for information via the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

I hereby request the department provide the following records within 20 business days:

I request copies of emails, records and other documents related to the public financial disclosure reports (OGE Form 278) filed by Kathleen Johnson (Director, Enforcement Division, Region 9) from Jan. 2019 to the present. Specifically, I am seeking any conflicts or ethics waivers or recusals or authorizations sought (both granted and rejected) for Ms. Johnson.

I am also seeking any email discussion by EPA officials (including emails involving the agency's ethics officials) of Ms. Johnson 278 filings, including email regarding potential conflicts or requests for waivers or recusals. I am also seeking any warning letters or statement made by agency ethics officials to Ms. Johnson regarding her financial holdings.

I would like to limit the scope of my request to the period between Jan. 1, 2019 and the present.

If you determine that any of the documents sought by this request are exempt from disclosure, and you decide to apply an exemption, please state the legal and factual basis for that decision. If you determine that only portions of either document must be withheld under an exemption, I request that the documents be produced with redactions.

I am employed as a full-time reporter with The Wall Street Journal and therefore a member of the news media engaged primarily in the dissemination of information that is in the public's interest and hereby request a fee waiver. I certify that my statements concerning a fee waiver are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I intend to use these records with a story to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* that will provide a benefit to a large segment of the public, and therefore request that any fees be waived.

Very truly yours,



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